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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

25X1 ATTENTION: [redacted]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Signs of Preparations for Nuclear Testing, Novaya Zemlya, USSR

REFERENCES: Requirement No. C-CI3-80,410
CIA Project No. C 1050-63

25X1 1. Recent [redacted] photography of Novaya Zemlya was examined to determine any current signs of preparations for nuclear testing.

2. No evidence of preparation for nuclear testing such as icebreaking in icebound inlets near old test areas, ship movements, aircraft or helicopter activity, or ground signs of preparations in test target areas were observed in the cloud-free portions of the photography. (See enclosed coverage map)

3. All or parts of all [redacted] areas mentioned in NPIC/R-149/62 were observed with the exception of Area No. 1, which was cloud covered. The western coastline at Area 2 was ice-free on photo-
25X1 graphy of [redacted] with no new activity in evidence. A
25X1 possible landing strip for small aircraft which existed on earlier photography [redacted] is located 1.3 nautical miles (nm) NW of Station A of Area 4 (Figure 5, NPIC R-149/62). This approximately 500 x 100 foot cleared area has an improved surface and appears serviceable for small aircraft. No aircraft were
25X1 observed. Areas 3 and 4 are obscured by haze on photography of [redacted] The seaward approaches to both these areas were icebound with no icebreaker tracks visible. No indications of activity were observed within Drop Zones 1, 2, and 3.

25X1 4. [redacted] photography utilized in this project is as follows:

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5. The photo analyst on this project were [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] They may be contacted on extensions [redacted] 25X1
respectively should you have further questions regarding the project.

6. This memorandum and enclosure answer the referenced requirement in full and the project is considered complete.

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Enclosure:

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